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Referred to Committee on Program Review and Investigations

Introduced by:
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***AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PLAN AND REPORT ON THE STATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
USING RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY PRINCIPLES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 13b-4 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 The commissioner shall have the following general powers, duties
4 and responsibilities:

5 (1) To coordinate [and develop comprehensive, integrated
6 transportation policy and planning to include a long-range master] the
7 development of a strategic plan of transportation for the state, based
8 on the principles of results-based accountability;

9 (2) To coordinate and assist in the development and operation of a
10 modern, safe, efficient and energy-conserving system of highway,
11 mass transit, marine and aviation facilities and services;

12 (3) To promote the coordinated and efficient use of all available and
13 future modes of transportation;

14 (4) To study commuter and urban travel and in cooperation with
15 federal, regional and local agencies and persons to formulate and
16 implement plans and programs to improve such travel;

17 (5) To study means of providing facilities for parking motor vehicles
18 so as to encourage travel by the combination of motor vehicle and
19 other modes of transportation and in cooperation with federal,
20 regional and local agencies and persons to formulate and implement
21 plans and programs for this purpose;

22 (6) To study means of improving transportation safety and to
23 formulate and implement plans and programs and adopt regulations,
24 in accordance with chapter 54, for this purpose;

25 (7) To study the operations of existing airports, to determine the
26 need for changes in such airports and the need for future airports, and
27 to formulate and implement plans and programs to improve aviation
28 facilities and services;

29 (8) To cooperate with federal, state, interstate and local agencies,
30 organizations and persons performing activities relating to
31 transportation;

32 (9) To exercise and perform such other duties and responsibilities as
33 may be conferred under this chapter and title 13a or as may otherwise
34 be conferred by law;

35 (10) To prepare a plan setting forth a recommendation for a
36 restructured system of regional transit districts within the state. Said
37 plan shall be based on: (A) Established patterns of commuter traffic
38 within the state; (B) federal requirements for receiving aid under the
39 Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, and (C) present planning
40 regions. On or before February 1, 1978, the commissioner shall present
41 such plan to the General Assembly;

42 (11) To prepare pertinent reports, including but not limited to,
43 detailed reports of energy use analysis by mode of transportation;

44 (12) To provide for the planning and construction of any capital
45 improvements and the remodeling, alteration, repair or enlargement of
46 any real asset that may be required for the development and operation
47 of a safe, efficient system of highway, mass transit, marine and
48 aviation transportation, provided (A) the acquisition, other than by
49 condemnation, or the sale or lease, of any property that is used for
50 such purposes shall be subject to the review and approval of the State
51 Properties Review Board in accordance with the provisions of
52 subsection (f) of section 4b-3, and (B) any contract for the planning,
53 construction, remodeling, alteration, repair or enlargement of any
54 public building which is estimated to cost more than five hundred
55 thousand dollars shall be advertised and awarded in accordance with
56 section 13b-20n; and

57 (13) To participate, subject to the availability of funds, in transit-
58 oriented development projects at or near transit facilities.

59 Sec. 2. Section 13b-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the
60 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

61 [(a)] The [commissioner] Commissioner of Transportation shall
62 establish an annual transportation system progress reporting process
63 based on results-based accountability principles. On or before January
64 15, 2012, and annually thereafter, the Department of Transportation
65 shall [develop and revise biennially a comprehensive, master
66 transportation plan designed to fulfill the present and future needs of
67 the state and to assure the development and maintenance of an
68 adequate, safe and efficient transportation system] submit to the
69 General Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a,
70 and shall publish on the Department of Transportation web site, a
71 report on the progress of state policies and programs in promoting the
72 results desired from Connecticut's transportation system.
73 Improvement shall be measured by primary indicators of progress in
74 achieving the system's desired results. A statement of the desired
75 results of the state transportation system, the primary indicators of

76 progress toward such results, and the department's annual progress
77 report submitted to the General Assembly shall be prepared jointly by
78 the department and the Transportation Board, with input from major
79 stakeholder groups. [In developing the plan, the commissioner shall
80 consider the department's statutory responsibilities, the guiding
81 principles and transportation strategies adopted by the Governor and
82 the General Assembly, the state conservation and development plan
83 adopted by the General Assembly pursuant to chapter 297, the
84 federally mandated factors specified in the current federal surface
85 transportation authorization legislation, and the department's
86 assessment of existing transportation facilities carried out under
87 section 13b-16. The commissioner shall also give consideration to: (1)
88 Reports and studies relating to the planning and development of the
89 state; (2) any existing reports, surveys, plans or studies relating to
90 transportation prepared for or by any agency, board or commission of
91 the state; and (3) regional long-range transportation plans prepared by
92 regional planning organizations in this state.]

93 [(b) In such master transportation plan the commissioner shall: (1)
94 Set forth the commissioner's recommendations for planning,
95 engineering, acquisition of rights-of-way, construction and
96 reconstruction and rehabilitation and modernization of transportation
97 facilities; (2) consider, among other things, federal air quality
98 standards, conservation and cost of energy supplies, present and
99 projected travel volumes, reduction in travel volumes due to the
100 implementation of transportation management programs, safety,
101 maintenance costs and other sufficiency factors where appropriate, as
102 well as long-range land use, environmental impact, energy impact and
103 economic development patterns of the state; (3) indicate the order of
104 priority of need for improvements within each mode of transportation,
105 according to the commissioner's judgment; and (4) indicate the
106 priorities for the next five-year period, both by need and by fiscal
107 capability, for each mode of transportation. The indication of such
108 priorities shall include an individual accounting of the amount and
109 source of all funding for each potential program and an approximate

110 timetable, including the starting and completion dates for each
111 potential program.

112 (c) The commissioner shall, relative to the current federal surface
113 transportation authorization legislation: (1) Identify the funds to be
114 received annually in the federal program funding categories; (2)
115 identify the projects to be funded annually through each funding
116 category; (3) identify the projects to be funded annually through each
117 category continued or established by such legislation, as a result of the
118 change in formulas and new flexibility allowed under the current
119 federal surface transportation authorization legislation; (4) identify
120 which projects will require the expenditure of state funds to leverage
121 federal funds; (5) identify the amount and percentage of state funds
122 that must be expended for each project in order to leverage federal
123 funds; (6) identify the amount of federal funds that may be expended
124 annually to repair local bridges identified as being in poor condition;
125 (7) identify the economic impact of the federal funds allocated to the
126 state in terms of job creation or retention; (8) identify the mass transit
127 projects to be funded; and (9) identify the manner in which the
128 department intends to comply with the requirements of the Clean Air
129 Act, as amended by P.L. 101-549, and how the department intends to
130 expend any funds allocated to the department to achieve the goals of
131 the act.

132 (d) In such plan the commissioner shall identify the amount of
133 funds and projects to be undertaken pursuant to the Americans with
134 Disabilities Act of 1990.

135 (e) The plan shall be completed and submitted biennially to the
136 Governor on or before January thirty-first of each odd-numbered year.
137 The commissioner shall, biennially, on or before January thirty-first of
138 each odd-numbered year, notify all members of the General Assembly
139 of the availability of the plan. The commissioner shall send a written
140 copy or electronic storage media of the plan to any member requesting
141 the plan.

142 (f) In developing and revising the plan, the commissioner may: (1)
143 Conduct public hearings; (2) consult and cooperate with officials and
144 representatives of the federal government, neighboring states,
145 interstate commissions and authorities, local agencies and authorities,
146 interested corporations and other organizations concerning problems
147 affecting transportation in the state; (3) request and receive from any
148 agency or other unit of the government of the state or of any political
149 subdivision of the state, or from any public authority, such assistance
150 and data as may be necessary to enable the commissioner to carry out
151 the commissioner's responsibilities under this section; (4) to the extent
152 the commissioner may deem appropriate, make use of, and
153 incorporate in the plan, any existing long-range transportation plan,
154 survey or report developed by any public or private agency or person;
155 and (5) employ consultants.

156 (g) Copies of the plan, as revised, shall be kept on file as a public
157 record in the office of the commissioner.]

158 Sec. 3. Section 13b-57g of the general statutes is amended by adding
159 subsection (l) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

160 (NEW) (l) On and after October 1, 2011, the board shall prepare
161 jointly with the Commissioner of Transportation, the results-based
162 accountability results statements, indicators and progress reports, in
163 accordance with section 13b-15, as amended by this act.

164 Sec. 4. Section 13b-57h of the general statutes is amended by adding
165 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

166 (NEW) (d) On and after October 1, 2011, the TSB projects
167 enumerated in subsection (b) of this section shall be completed in
168 accordance with the strategic plan of transportation developed
169 pursuant to section 13b-15, as amended by this act.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	13b-4
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	13b-15
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	13b-57g
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	13b-57h

Statement of Purpose:

To implement recommendations of the 2010 Program Review and Investigations Committee study that assessed project delivery by the Department of Transportation using results-based accountability principles.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]